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STENOGRAPHIC GLIMPSES OF CONGRESS.

From the Boston Statesman.
Washington, January 21.
SENATE. Judge Hubbard concluded his
argument, to-day, on Col. Benton's Military
Resolutions. It was able, logical, and conclu-
sive. He made out a complete defence of the
conduct of the House, touching the loss of the
Fortification Bill, charged by Mr. Webster on
the Administration party. It was an argument
from the records of both Houses, and extracts
from documents and speeches. To show that
the Appropriation Bill, with the amendment of
the three millions for the Military and Naval
service, was sufficiently specific, he referred to
numerous precedents as far back as the time of
Jefferson, and quoted others of 1812, when Mr.
Calhoun was a leader of the party; and he con-
trasted his acts and sentiments then, with those
of the present period, not much to his liking.
He showed that the appropriation of the three
millions was not a measure dictated by the Ex-
ecutive, but originated by the House; and that
in this respect, as it came voluntarily from the
most immediate servants of the people—those
who were constitutionally charged with the
money of the nation—the measure was not to
be questioned by the Senate, who had no res-
ponsibility, either as inexpedient, sinister, or
unconstitutional. He entirely demolished Mr.
Webster's sophistical position, that the third
of March continued as long as Congress chose to
continue in session. If the ingenious Senator
could only establish his principle that the 3d of
March extended beyond the 4th, I see no sort
of difficulty in his extending his 'six years' to
the term of his natural life. But with present
principles, and according to present prospects,
there is as little chance of extending his term,
as retreating it. I say this more in sorrow than
in anger; for I regret that he has misapplied
the great endowments bestowed upon him—
What might he not have expected from the peo-
ple had he defended their cause with half the
zeal he has that of their foes, the aristocracy?
—possibly not a *single* Urn! alas, in spite of
its inscription, it already contains the political
'oyster-shells' of ostracism! They would have
paid him for his services in better currency than
the United States Bank. What could he ask
more? But I will not pursue the speculation.

The Senate adjourned to Monday; and we
may expect to hear from Mr. Webster, in re-
ply to Messrs. Cuthbert and Hubbard. He
will doubtless prepare himself ably for the lists;
and give us a greater speech than he has made
this session, though his last one (on this same
subject) was a very respectable assault.
HOUSE. Mr. Hoar of Mass., the successor
of Gov. Everett, made his maiden speech to-
day, which astonished the whole '10 miles
square'; and though it did not abolish slavery
in the District, it abolished all the arguments
pro and con which have been offered on the
subject this session. It was pronounced, by a
very discriminating member from New York,
the ablest speech delivered in the House this
session. Mr. Hoar at home, we know, is con-
sidered one of the ablest advocates in Mas-
sachusetts, ranking first after Webster and Mason.
He is at home here, and without his elders or
betters.
He had no notes of preparation, and rose, as
it was supposed, to move the previous question;
but after making a few general remarks, he un-
masked his battery and began to play upon the
abolitionists, driving them far beyond the front-
iers of the Slave States, into the Barataria of
treason; and there he left them. He then step-
ped back with one stride to the '10 miles square',
planted a mortar, loaded it with a bomb from
South Carolina, (Mr. Hammond) rammed it
down with Waddy Thompson, and touched it
off with Pickens, blowing all the Nullifiers sky-
high! he still has the floor—like Napoleon, he
sleeps upon the field of battle. What he may
do to-morrow, I know not, unless allow the dead
to be buried, if they can be found, and let the
stragglers come in and surrender.
On this subject, old Massachusetts has pre-
sented the boldest and ablest front; her coun-
cils and prowess, I hope, will be able to put the
question very soon at rest forever. It has al-
ready ceased to be a bug-bear, and is no longer
hardly a humbug. It will soon be on its way
to the tomb of the Capulets. So therefore,
'stand by, and let the coffin pass!'
REIS EFFENDI.

Washington, January 22, 1836.
HOUSE.—Friday the 22d of January, 1836,
will long be remembered as one of the brightest
in the annals of eloquence and patriotism—re-
membered, as calling forth a spontaneous and
involuntary burst of manual applause from the
members themselves, of a grave legislative body
such as was never witnessed in the Halls of
Congress before, nor ever recorded in the legis-

lature of any nation. The occasion was, upon
introducing resolutions by the venerable Nestor
of the House, requiring a committee to investi-
gate the fate of the Fortification Bill; and the
speech was repelling the assault made upon the
integrity and patriotism of the House, charged
by "the Achilles of the American nation," as
ex-President termed him, with losing the bill.
There was only one sentiment felt, as at New
Orleans—admiration; and only two opinions
expressed, as at Waterloo—the one that it was
a mortal combat; the other that it was impor-
tant!

There is no power in language that can con-
vey the spell of eloquence imparted in its tone
and look and gesture. The speech itself, though
perhaps imperfect, you will have; I will not
mutilate any portion of it, by attempting to re-
peat it. Mr. Mercer, of Va., attempted fre-
quently to interrupt the ex-President; but it
was only like dame Partington trying to keep
back the tide of the Atlantic with her mop!—
Nothing could resist the tide of the orator's elo-
quence. He went through the whole history
of the close of the last session, and exhibited
the conduct of the Senate, and the patriotism of
the House, with the accurate reflection of a mir-
ror—some pseudo patriots will start when they
behold their treacherous faces in it. When al-
luding to Mr. Webster's expression, "that he
would not have voted for the amendment bill if
the enemy had been at the Capitol," he said
there was but one step further to take—to join
the enemy! It was this sentiment that called
forth from the House—the grave members, not
the idle, silent, and breathless spectators—that
involuntary and unexampled burst of applause
to which I alluded. There were many other
occasions that called up deeper and stronger
emotions, but the severe rebuke of the chair on
the former occasion, repressed their outbursting
in alluding to the insulting message of the Sen-
ate sent to the House, after their functions had
ceased, to remind them of their duty, he said he
felt an emotion of pain and indignation; had the
House been in constitutional existence, he should
have moved for a committee of two, to have
borne it back to the Senate, and dropped it on
their floor, telling them the House received no
such insulting messages. Yes, said he, after
this House was dead, the Achilles of the Amer-
ico triumphantly around the Capitol!

Mr. Wise got up to make a speech after the
ex-President, that his shallowness might show in
bolder relief. To be rid of him and his speech,
the House adjourned.
REIS EFFENDI.

From the Eastern Argus.
Washington, Jan. 27, 1836.

I ought to have added to the just praise I be-
stowed upon Mr. Cushing's speech on Monday
—and I scorn to retract it,—that it was writ-
ten, and lay before him. No man need be as-
tonished or not being wise above what is writ-
ten. Mr. Wilde of Ga. used to prepare his
speeches in the same way; and no man in
Congress delivered more learned and forcible
ones, and they excelled all others in keenness
of satire, or delicacy of compliment—in classi-
cal allusion, or beauty of illustration. Did Gov.
Everett ever make a speech without writing it?
I presume not. Burke is said to have written
his speeches. I never could see therefore, why
so much stress of reproof has been laid upon
Senator Hill's writing his speeches, unless it
be, that he is a supporter of the administration.
That which is not well prepared, is not
worth hearing; memory is only the treasury of
the mind, not its treasure; and if a man can-
not depend upon his memory, he is right and
wise to commit his thoughts to paper; if they
are worthy of being read when they are printed,
I see no reason why they should be deteriorated
by being written before they are spoken, more
especially as a thousand read a speech, where
one can hear it.

SENATE. Judge White delivered a speech on
the 'lost bill.'

HOUSE. Mr. Cambreleng made a speech
on Mr. Adams's resolutions, in defence of the
conduct of the House and Committee on the
'lost bill.' Mr. Read of Mass. replied, not to
him, but to the charge against the Senate, so ably
arranged by the Ex-President. Mr. Hardin
has the floor to-morrow. All this I count as
lost time; and have but this consolation, that it
excludes the slavery speeches, and keeps at bay
the abolitionists and agitators, I am tired and
disgusted with this scandalous procrastination of
the most important public business. I howev-
er will not now missp my time in useless re-
grets, or equally useless censure. They must
work out their own salvation, which may be,
perhaps, with fear and trembling.
REIS EFFENDI.

Washington, Jan. 26.

SENATE. Mr. Southard finished the day in
finishing his speech commenced yesterday. It
Time is of no great value in this body, espe-
cially to the opposition, otherwise they would
not be so prodigal of it, as to let Mr. Southard
cravily them two days on a subject that has only
relation to the past, which cannot be recall-
ed. The present and the future ought to oc-
cupy their thoughts—the public concerns, not
the whims and narrow natures of a few mem-
bers of his party, into the region of patriotism?

If he be, let him make one sublime effort to get
out of the party fens; if he is unable, why, then
let him quack, and flutter, and waddle, like a
wounded mallard, amidst the brakes and bram-
bles and pools and puddles of his party. The
monsters! who oppose the gov-
ernment in the present crisis of the country,
will be hereafter hunted, down like the Har-
ries of the Revolution. Will the name of Whig
save them! what scoundrel cannot assume an
name? What infamous epithet will they
leave for their memories! what an inheritance
of infamy to their posterity!

HOUSE. Mr. Cambreleng has tried two days
to get the floor to explain the loss of the last
year's appropriation Bill; in my opinion, it
would be far wiser and better to propose and
support one now, to supply its loss. Of what
consequence is the reproach or charge of the
mendacity enough to damn any party, and every
measure? Have they not themselves been
damned by them?—how then can their adver-
saries hope to be saved by them! No man can
mend what the Ex-President has done on this
subject; and it is not in the power of man to
undo it. I am sorry to see the House wasting
that time in debate that should be devoted to
action. To-day, the Chairman of the Com-
mittee of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Mason of Va.
submitted a Resolution requiring certain days
to be devoted to the consideration of the Ap-
propriation Bills: the day was wasted in de-
bating the propriety of adopting the measure.
Mr. Ball made a powerful argument against it,
which only shows what an able speaker he can
be on any side he espouses. Judge Southerland
replied, and refuted him. He never goes be-
yond the range of the question, and converges
all his arguments to the main point. His con-
clusions are always conclusive. He never
speaks for effect, but results. He is always
therefore listened to with attention, and his op-
inions never fail to have their influence. Mr.
Mason, the Chairman, made a very able argu-
ment in support of his Resolutions, which could
not fail of convincing both sides, and satisfying
all but the opposition; to them, the more con-
vincing, the more unsatisfactory, an argument.
Many other members partook in the debate;
but I shan't descend to their angry colloquies.
As to any reproach cast upon the Adminis-
tration party for the 'lost bill,' the best way they
can wipe it off, is passing a new Bill without de-
lay; a fresh victory will silence all reproach.
"Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more!"
REIS EFFENDI.

From the Eastern Argus.
Augusta, Thursday, Jan. 28.

The committee to whom was referred the
subject of Capital Punishment, have this after-
noon occupied the Representatives' Hall, and
Representatives and people alike, crowded in
to hear the interesting discussion, on so im-
portant a subject. Mr. Holmes and Mr. Jarvis,
leviathans in debate, occupied all of the time
permitted for its consideration, and crowds of
attentive listeners were edified and instructed.
Mr. Holmes contended ably and earnestly for
the infliction of capital punishment on murder-
ers, and his remarks were thickly studded with
that rich flow of humor which marks and distin-
guishes all his efforts. He succeeds well in
the pathetic,—voice and manner well adapted
to excite feeling and sympathy.—But here I
am forced to acknowledge you must think only
of the orator, and sink all recollection of the
man of humor. In truth, with some, the per-
fection of the ludicrous is the attempt at being
pathetic, whether real, or feigned. The reply
of Mr. Jarvis, was short, compared with the
length of time occupied by Mr. Holmes, but as
might be expected, equally able. Such a treat
is really furnished, even by orators themselves.
The subject of Capital Punishment is at this
time exciting in the public mind much of inter-
est. "This matter connected with the very
foundation of society,—enters minutely into
every arrangement of the social system. As
such, it deserves the most patient and thorough
investigation, and the most perfect and well di-
rected action. That the current of popular
opinion is setting strongly against it, and is ev-
ery day becoming more powerful, cannot be
doubted. But this assurance should induce to
no rash, no hasty innovation, upon long estab-
lished usage, though generated and guided al-
ways by benevolent, humane purposes. That cruel,
sanguinary edicts are necessary to preserve the
purity and guard the safety of our highly favor-
ed,—highly cultivated New England population,
cannot be admitted. The fear of death, though
it may incite the cunning, will not deter the op-
eration of brutal ferocity allied to courage.—
The fear of detection will incite to secrecy and
stealth in the commission of crime, were no
punishment other than the general reprobation
of an outraged community, the most severe of
all punishment—to be the consequence, The
craven and coward may be restrained by the
fear of death,—but the hardened criminal cares
little, has nothing beyond mere animal fear of
that disgraceful close of a wicked career, which
he almost invariably regards as the extinction
of being. Consignment to the quiet repose of
the earth he fears little, though he may

shrink from the mode. If fear is to be appeal-
ed to, it is believed that some means can be
employed which shall operate equally well—
even better than the punishment of death.

Friday, Jan. 29.
The order introduced by Mr. Smith, repeal-
ing the act exempting manufacturing corpora-
tions from taxation, passed yesterday by a large
majority. Mr. Chadwick proposed an amend-
ment by fixing the sum at ten thousand dollars,
which should entitle to exemption. This ap-
pearance improving and benefiting those subject
to its action, renders the real case, the burdens
of the people, still more onerous. For the
more you reduce the amount, the more oppres-
sive becomes the tax—the pressure on the in-
dividual strata below. The amendment was
rejected by a large majority.

The justice of exempting the rich and bur-
dening the poor may, at least, with all due de-
ference to lords of wealth, be questioned. The
little of the one class is to furnish material for
improvements, and furnish the necessary addi-
tion of labor,—pay themselves out of their own
pockets for their own industry,—the abundance
of the other class to constitute reason for freeing
them from what is no real exhaustion from an
over abundant source. This is a practical, but
an incorrect application of the precept which
enjoins the necessity of taking from him that has
not abundant possession, and bestowing upon
him that has. The rich are ever crying out
against the encroachments which the poor are
making on them. But their fears are fallacious,
and their cares burden none but themselves.
Let them cease to encroach upon the rights of
society, the natural right possessed by every
citizen; let them leave off associating for the
purpose of fattening on the wants of the com-
munity and the poor are their best friends, as
their sought deliverance in time of outward
danger.

This day at eleven is assigned for the discus-
sion of the reports of the Committee on the
Eden and Trenton election. The morning has
thus far been occupied in its usual stereotype
employment of presenting and receiving peti-
tions.

GOOD NEWS FROM LOUISIANA.

The Legislature of Louisiana has made
choice, on the third ballot, of Robert Can-
nicholas, Esq. U. S. Senator, vice Mr. Gay ar-
ranged. Mr. Nicholas is a decided and un-
wavering friend of the National Administration.
The vote stood, Nicholas (Van Buren) 32,—
Barrow (Wig White) 29. A letter from New
Orleans to the Editors of the Globe, says:
"Nicholas obtained on the third ballot 32
votes, being a bare majority of the whole. All
circumstances considered, we have obtained a
glorious triumph. Colonel Nicholas declared
his intention not only to support cordially the
Administration, but also to support Mr. Van
Buren. He is a man of honor and character."
Colonel Nicholas is the son of the celebra-
ted George Nicholas of Kentucky, distinguished
for the commanding influence with which he
sided in the election of Mr. Jefferson, and for
his masterly display in the Virginia Convention
on the adoption of the Federal Constitution.
The Argus.

ILLINOIS SENATOR.

The opposition have been claiming Mr. Ewing,
the lately chosen Senator from Illinois.—
Mr. Ewing has authorized the publication of
following card in the Cincinnati papers. It nails
the slander to the counter:

The Hon. W. L. D. Ewing, who had been
elected by the Illinois Legislature, to fill the
vacancy in the United States Senate, occasioned
by death of Mr. Kane, arrived in this city
on Friday last, on his way to Washington city.
As there has been some speculation with re-
gard to Mr. Ewing's politics, originating with
the mendacious editor of the Louisville Jour-
nal, we are authorized by the Louisville Jour-
nal, that he is a decided friend of the adminis-
tration, approves of its measures, and purposes to
support the ticket of the Baltimore Convention;
that he was elected upon these principles by the
Legislature, and that a man professing and oth-
er could not have been chosen.

Mr. Ewing was one of the first men to raise
the Van Buren and Johnson flag in Illinois.—
He has always been a decided and staunch
democrat, and goes to Washington city, not as
an adjunct of Whiggism, but an able and hon-
est supporter of the administration and its meas-
ures.—Port. Argus.

A noble example. In the canvass for a
Speaker of the House of Representatives of the
United States the Whigs made an effort to ob-
tain the consent of Hon. Mr. Mason of Va. to
stand as a candidate assuring him of the united
support of their own and part of the Adminis-
tration party, and the consequent certainty of his
election. Mr. Mason is understood to have re-
plied to the base proposition that he had long
laid it down as a rule, never to accept an office
which his political adversaries and never to di-
vide his friends.—Good. Some of the wad-
dle office-seekers, who are men of principle ac-
cording to their interest, would do well to imi-
tate the example.—Baltimore Republican.

It being asked, what the honor of Viscountess found to reflect
on a volcano, the reply was "a drop of the crater."

INDIAN WAR.

Horrid Massacre! two companies United
States Troops cut to pieces by the Seminoles.

The Mobile Morning Chronicle of Jan. 12th,
gives the painful and distressing intelligence of
the surprise and massacre of two companies of
United States troops, under the command of
Major Dale, consisting of 120 men, by the Sem-
inole Indians. Major Dale had started with his
troops from Tampa bay to camp King, to join
Gen. Clinch, when on the morning of the 28th
Dec. at 8 o'clock they were surrounded by a
large body of Indians, supposed to number 800
men of the 112 men, escaped, badly wounded,
to recount the lamentable history of the butchery
of their fellow soldiers.

The following is an extract from Maj. Bel-
ton's official report of this disastrous defeat:

Now it becomes my melancholy duty to
proceed to the catastrophe of this latest band,
an elite of energy, patriotism, military skill and
constant courage. On the 29th, in the after-
noon, a man of my company, John Thomas,
and temporarily transferred to C. company, 24
Artillery, came in, and yesterday Mr. Ransom
Clark, of the same company, with four wounds
very severe, and stated that an action took place
on the 28th, commencing at about 10 o'clock
in which every officer fell and nearly every man.
The command entrenched every night, and a-
bout four miles from the halt were attacked,
and received at least fifteen rounds before an
Indian was seen. Major Dale and his horse
were both killed on the first onset, and the in-
terpreter "Louis," Lt. Mudge, 3d Artillery,
received his mortal wound the first fire, and af-
terwards received several other wounds. Lieut.
Rassegger, 3d Artillery, was not wounded till
after the second attack; and at the latter part
of that, he was wounded several times before he
was tomahawked. Capt. Gardiner, was killed,
remarked, "I am the only officer left, and boys
we will do the best we can." Lt. Kelley, 3d
Artillery, had both arms broken the first shot,
was unable to act, and was tomahawked the
latter part of the second attack, by a negro.—
Lt. Henderson had his left arm broken the first
fire, and after that with a musket fired at least
thirty or forty shots. Dr. Catlin was not killed
until after the second attack, nor was he wound-
ed; he placed himself behind the breastwork,
and with his two double barreled guns, said
"he had four barrels for them." Capt. Frazer
fell early in the action with the advanced guard;
as a man of his company (B. 3d Artillery)
who came in this morning, wounded, re-
ports.

On the attack they were in column of rows;
and after receiving a heavy fire from the un-
seen enemy, they then rose up in such a swarm,
that the ground covered, as was thought, by
Light Infantry extension, showed the Indians
between the files. Muskets were clubbed,
knives and bayonets used, and parties clinched.
In the second attack, our own men's muskets,
from the dead and wounded, were used against
them; a cross fire cut down a succession of ar-
tillerists at the fence, from which 49 rounds were
fired—the gun-carriages were burnt, and the
guns sunk in a pond. A war-dance was held
on the ground—many negroes were in the field,
no scalps were taken by the Indians, but the
negroes, with hellish cruelty, pierced the throats
of all, whose loud cries and groans showed the
power of life to be yet strong. The survivors
were preserved by imitating death, excepting
Thomas, who was partly stifled, and bought his
life for six dollars, and in his enemy recognized
an Indian whose axe he had held a few days
before at this post. About 100 Indians were
well mounted, naked, and painted. The last
man who came in brought a note from Capt.
Frazer, addressed to Major Mountford, which
was fastened in a cleft stick, and stuck in a creek
dated, as is supposed, on the 27th, stating that
they were beset every night, and pushed on.

The Washington correspondent of the Jour-
nal of Commerce, under the date of Jan. 26th
states that "apprehension is entertained that the
hostilities of the Indians will not soon be che-
cked. The number of Seminoles, in arms, is
1500. They have captured several hundred
negroes, some of whom have joined the
rest the Indians propose to sell as slaves, in
Cuba. The Creeks, who have 2400 warriors,
all well supplied with arms, which is more than
the white settlers are—are also rising. They
have already shown a determination to join the
Seminoles. It, before next summer, they are
not subdued, they will retire into the swamps,
and defy any force that can be brought against
them."

We learn from the Globe that Maj. General
Scott has been ordered to Florida, to take the
general direction of the operations; that quar-
ter, and with full authority to call upon the Ex-
ecutives of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama,
and Florida, for whatever militia force may be
necessary. He has been directed to push the
campaign in the most vigorous manner, and to
reduce the Indians to unconditional submis-
sion.

The same paper adds:

"We further learn, that the disposable regular
force which can properly be moved is either in
Florida or on the way. The garrisons on the
seacoast have either been sent there, or have
been reduced to the smallest practicable num-

14 We understand that such is the naked state of the seaboard, that there is not a soldier at Boston, nor one between Philadelphia and the ocean. Only four companies at New York harbour, and four at Old Point Comfort, those two great naval positions. Both the garrisons in North Carolina, those of Charleston and Savannah, and that at Key West, and those in Pensacola and Mobile, and those in the neighborhood of New Orleans, are all either now in Florida, or on the way there. In a word, the whole Atlantic frontier is drained, and that from necessity. If the Western frontier were also strip of its garrisons, a general Indian war would in all probability follow.²³

We invite attention to the following letter of Hon. EDWARD LIVINGSTON, to Dr. Purington, member of the Senate of this State, on the subject of the abolition of Capital Punishment:

You are perfectly right, sir, to ask for practical results, rather than theory unsupported by them. But it is with great regret and some mortification I am obliged to say that those you naturally looked for from Louisiana, cannot be afforded. The great experiment is yet to be tried in the United States, and I devoutly hope (for it mingles with my religion) that the example may be set by your State. Of the result I have not the shadow of a doubt. Although the Legislature of Louisiana unanimously adopted the plan I offered of a penal code, of which the abolition of capital punishment formed the basis, yet since the system has been completed and laid before them, they have never taken it into consideration. It has never, it is true, been formally rejected; but I have long since despaired of its adoption there, and it would be a curious circumstance that two States, occupying the extremes of the Union, should have the credit, the one of promulgating and sanctioning the theory; and the other, the infinitely greater honor of practically proving the utility of the system.

answer is, that the nature of the punishment secures impunity. Many jurors have scruples which prevent their agency in the infliction of death, under any circumstances ; all will require the fullest proof, and tremble to think that even that which they may consider such, has led to the conviction of the innocent. But although the abolition of capital punishment has not been tried in the United States only on inferior crimes, yet in other countries, it has been made general as to all, under the despotism of Egypt, and the Greek empire ; for 250 years in Republican Rome ; in Russia under Elizabeth ; and will complete success in our own day in Tuscany. For this I refer you to the introductory reports to my penal code, pages 34, and 180. The striking facts there recorded, that only four in a hundred of murder occurred in 25 years in Tus-

"In the conference at Mantua, I asked him (the Emperor) whether he would permit me to govern the Kingdom which he proposed to confide to me, entirely after my own fashion, so far as it regarded the interior, provided I left the whole exterior relations to him? I understand you he replied, and will answer you in the spirit of frankness with which you have spoken. In the interior, as in the exterior, all belonging to me must follow my orders. You wish to act the Medicis at Florence! no! this cannot be! You in my place would act precisely as I do now. *The interest of France is the point to which every thing must tend; codes, taxes and conscriptions, every thing in your Kingdom must be to the profit of mine. If I allowed you to make Tuscany happy and tranquil, all travellers from France would envy it.*"

Thus we see that the great experiment of Leopold was given up when it had had the result the most glorious for humanity, because it would have made Tuscany happy, and excited the *desire of France*.

I regret exceedingly in that I am obliged by the delay in receiving your letter, and the near approach of your Legislative session, to send you this hurried and imperfect answer to your letter. The subject is one in which my earnest wishes are so much engaged, that I consider the omission of any argument that might by possibility have weight as greatly to be regretted.—Copies of my penal code were sent to your Senators and to the Governor of your State.—I presume they may be referred to. And I entreat your serious consideration of the arguments contained in the introductory reports, on this subject, at pages 22, and 114, and those which follow. I do this from no silly pride of authorship, but from a deep conviction, strengthened by every reflection since they were written, that they are founded in truth, religion and humanity.

I am Sir, very respectfully yours,
EDWARD LIVINGSTON.
T. PURINTON, Member
of the Senate, State of Maine.

JOHN C. CALHOUN. Had there been wanting any thing to fill the measure of this gentleman's political degradation, says the New-Hampshire Gazette, his recent justification of French duplicity, and his impolite, not to say cowardly attack upon the government of his country, would effectually do it. His remarks on the President's late Message, are insulting to his country, disrespectful to the State which he represents and a disgrace to the Senate of the United States! There was a time when we would have staked much upon the patriotism and honor of John C. Calhoun, but that confidence was destroyed when we saw him lending his voice to sustain the U. S. Bank—an institution which he had before repeatedly denounced as dangerous to the liberties of the country. We ascribed his course then to disappointment and enmity to the administration, and, although the direct influence of the Bank might have effected much in deciding him in his course, we still believe that the principal motive influencing him, was a supposed injury received at the hands of the administration. But we were not prepared to believe that the last lingering spark of patriotism which filled his soul, and whose light cheered on the friends of liberty in the second war of independence, was so nearly extinguished by private malice as to flinch and die when the honor, nay even the political existence of his country as an independent nation of the earth, was at stake. Nor was his friends prepared for it. Those who had sustained him through good and evil report, up to that hour which sealed his political condemnation, now blush to bear his name, and hang their heads with shame and mortification.—John C. Calhoun measuring the honor of his country by the power of a nation that has dominated her degradation! comparing our national independence by the pitiful standard of dollars and cents! ridiculing our resources!—deprecating the vengeance of a nation which has injured and insulted us; and, finally, impugning the motives of a man whose long and active life has been devoted to promote the honor and happiness of his country!—N. H. Patriot.

COAL.—The Bangor Advertiser states that Coal has been found in Unity, in the County of Waldo. There can be no doubt that good anthracite coal exists in large quantities in this State.

course in proportion as it is large : for

Mr. B. opposed all idea of *bonuses* from the Bank of the United States, in the recollection that it was granted by Congress, and vetoed by the President in 1832. He considered it the most burdensome manner in which money could be raised out of the people. He considered it as only a trifle from the contributions which the Bank would levy upon the people, and that instead of a *bonus*, there should be a reduction of interest from 6 to 5 per cent, and a taxation of the stock and of the circulation of the bank. It was well known that the Bank of the United States would have given ten millions as a *bonus* in 1832, and thought nothing of it, as it was all to come out of the people, and leave him an immense profit besides. These *bonuses* are now to occupy public attention; and among the pregnant objections to them, there is another which goes to corrupt and poison the fountain of all legislation; and that is, that the corporation which goes to the legislature to offer public *bonuses* for a charter, also goes there to offer private *bonuses* to members for their votes!

The Message is as *peaceful* as could possibly have been expected from the outrageous course of France.—The President has given up the idea of *reprisals*—and recommends the “*peaceful remedy*” of a qualified commercial non-intercourse. But though our hopes of the effect of the first Message have very much faded away, it is desirable not to have recourse even to that measure, until we hear of the manner of its reception by the French Government.—In the mean time we ought to strain every nerve to prepare the country for war. Every energy should be exerted—all our ships should be put into commission. Every fort should be strengthened—munitions of war ought to be laid in.—What! shall France make the most vigorous preparations—shall she dispatch a squadron almost to our own doors, to defy and beard us—and shall we fold our arms in apathy? *No! let us prepare for the worst.* Let us show to France and the whole world, that though we deprecate war, yet we will take war itself in preference to dishonor. Meantime, let us keep cool but firm. Prepare with the utmost energy for the worst—but refrain even, from the peaceful remedy proposed by the President, until we hear finally from France. The present Congress will have time enough to pass a non-intercourse Law, before they adjourn. But in the mean time, *prepare—prepare!*

[Richmond Examiner.]

It will be seen by reference to the proceedings of Thursday, that the House on that day passed a bill to repeal the law whereby certain manufacturing corporations have been exempted from taxation for a limited time. We rejoined that they did so, and that it was carried by so strong a vote.

There is one other legal provision of a similar character, unless we mistake the facts, which is equally unjust in principle, and almost more unequal in operation. We refer to the exemption from taxes under which incorporated Literary Institutions hold grants of land from the State. It is right in principle that all property should be taxed in just proportion for the support of Government. If it is deemed wise to bestow the bounty of the State on Literary Institutions, the sum given might on general grounds be just as well taken from the public treasury. But when the operation of this exemption comes to be traced out in its details, it will be found that this species of bounty, though purporting to come from the State, is in fact mainly bestowed at the expense of but a small portion of the public, and that portion the least able to bear it. Take for instance a town partly settled in which a College or Academy owns land. The whole town tax not only falls on a part of the town, properly, but the part which pays a tax is but little more benefited by its expenditure than the part which pays none. The inhabitants of towns in which are exempted lands are not only taxed out of proportion to their property, but their earnings are actually wrung from them to build roads, &c. for the benefit of a non resident proprietary which pays no taxes.

Bank resistance of Legislative authority.—It will be recollected that an order passed the Massachusetts Legislature a few days since, raising a Committee to investigate the conduct of the chartered Banks within that Commonwealth, and ascertain if they had violated their charters. It seems that the officers of the State Bank refused to submit to the examination, taking the same course that the U. S. Bank pursued towards the investigating Com-

minutes of Congress. The Committee issued a subpoena for their attendance on Wednesday, but the officers of the Bank paid no attention to it. The Courier thus describes the subsequent proceedings:—Age.

Much discussion was had on a motion made by Mr. West of Salem, that the Committee rise, report progress, and obtain the opinion of the Legislature as to what course to pursue to compel them to appear before the Committee, which motion did not prevail. The question, finally was, that the *Chairman* on the Committee obtain the compulsory process necessary to bring them before the Committee, which was decided in the affirmative; and Monday next, at 3 o'clock, was assigned for the return of the process against the officers of the State Bank. At the solicitation of the officers of the Merchants' Bank, Friday next, at 3 o'clock, was assigned for the investigation of their affairs.

Report. The total number of commissioned officers is 2,329—of non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, 38,398, making an aggregate of 40,827.

The returns for the past year are very imperfect, as nine only, out of the sixteen Brigades have been returned. Out of more than 600 companies, returns from 256 only have been received. The most complete inspection returns have been received from the counties of York, Cumberland, Lincoln, Oxford and Somerset. From the county of Pembroke, where our population has increased more rapidly, probably, than in any other portion of the State, no returns have been received since 1831."

The Report recommends that measures be taken to insure more full returns in future,—shows the inefficiency of the means now employed, and expresses an opinion that if the Adjutants were required by law "to make their returns directly to the office of the Adjutant General," a more perfect general return would be insured.

From the War Department of the General Government were received last summer, in pursuance of an Act of Congress of April 3d, 1808, arms valued at \$23,893 07—as follows: 10 5 pounder iron guns and carriages, with implements, &c. complete, and 3 carissons,—4 12 pounder iron guns with carriages &c. as above, complete, and 2 caissons,—5000 Hall's Rifles, and 191 muskets.

The Arsenal at Portland and Bath have been examined by the Adjutant General—the former twice the past year, and the public property in both has been preserved from injury.

Whenever a new building for this purpose is erected, it may be thought advisable to locate it in some other part of the State, perhaps at Augusta or Bangor—which would in many respects be more convenient in time of peace, and of great importance in case of war.

During the past year four Courts Martial have been held, by which seven officers were tried, of whom five were sentenced to be removed from office, one to be reprimanded in orders, and the other was acquitted.

Until Congress makes some change in the national militia law, it is believed that any essential alteration in that of our State "would be injurious to the prosperity of the militia."

WASHINGTON LETTERS. We have on hand, several letters from our Washington Correspondents, for which we have not room to-day. None of them, however, are of later dates than Monday last.

Our opinions and feelings in regard to our relations with France differ so entirely from those expressed by one of our correspondents in his letter of the 18th, that we cannot consent to its appearing in the columns of this paper. We are not the admirer of the present administration. It would be altogether a work of supererogation to repeat the causes of our uniform opposition, or to re-assert our belief that it is weak, foolish, and corrupt to the last degree.— But we trust that our dislike will not so far be converted to prejudice or party feelings as to close our eyes to the true state of the case, between our country and France, or lead us to adopt or approve the sentiments put forth by Mr. Calhoun, in the Senate, after the reading of the "Special Message." The sentiments and views then delivered by that once great man, as reported in the papers, and by our correspondent, are entirely unworthy of any creature that aspires to the rank of an American citizen. Our correspondent says: "France has received a gratuitous insult," from our government. What an atrocious slander! We are not aware that our government, or our people,—as a nation,—have ever received ought from France but insults, since the days of Fouché, Arlet, Genet, and the whole affair of the Letter of the French Minister, which his charge had permission to read to our Secretary of State; is but a second edition of the intrigue which, in 1798, the French Directory authorized Messrs. X. Y. and Z. and a certain lady, to enter into for the purpose of entrapping Messrs. Ellsworth, Gerry, and Pinckney. We have read, with some attention, the documents that accompanied the "Special Message," and the famous Letter of the Duc de Bogue, and we come to conclusions entirely opposite to those of our correspondent. "The Letter" is of all things we ever read, in the way of argument, the most weak and inclusive; it is a dimsy and dishonorable attempt to justify the hollow-hearted and hypocritical policy of the French Government,—to evade, or avoid the payment of an acknowledged debt.—"France wants money and must have it."—France talks loudly of honor and dignity, and refuses to comply with a treaty, although she has enjoyed, for two or three years, all the

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